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Lathi charge by the police at Peddapuram.

* 184-C Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to the police lathi charge at Peddapuram on 21st December 1930—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Dr. U. Gopalakrishnayya, B.A., M.D., of Cocanada was one of those who attended the garden party ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he arrived at the garden after the lathi charge had been made ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he was permitted by an Anglo-Indian sergeant at the entrance of the garden, to go and render first aid to those injured ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that subsequently he was also given lathi blows by the Circle Inspector of Police of Pittapuram, Mr. Subba Rao, and constables on various parts of his body ?

A.—(*a*) An Ayurvedic physician named U. Gopalakrishnayya is reported to have been one of those who attended the so-called garden party.

(*b*) No ; he was there before the police arrived.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) No. If Mr. Gopalakrishnayya received any injuries, it must have been in the course of the dispersal of the unlawful assembly.

Alleged lathi charge on a picnic party at Peddapuram.

* 184-D Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a picnic party of citizens at Peddapur was attacked by the police with lathis on the 21st of December 1930 ;

(*b*) what were the reasons for such lathi charge ;

(*c*) what were the casualties in the said incident ; how many received serious injuries ; and

(*d*) how many were rendered medical aid and how many removed to the hospital by the authorities ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 230.

(*c*) The hon Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*h*) to (*j*) of question No. 184-B.

(*d*) None, because none who received injury was left on the ground.

Assault on doctors who rendered first aid to the victims of the Peddapur lathi charge.

* 184-E Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that even medical men who went to render first aid to the victims of the Peddapur lathi charge were assaulted and injured by the police ; and

(*b*) if so, how many such men were injured and what is their present condition and what were the reasons for such attacks on medical men ?

A.—(*a*) No medical man went to render first aid.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"I think the hon. the Home Member admitted yesterday that one medical man went there actually to render first aid. May I know whether the Government will revise the answer to clause (*a*)?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The information which the Government received is that that medical man was one of the members of that assembly."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government will revise their opinions after the proposed enquiry is made?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"On the points referred to in the pamphlet."

Issue of prohibitory orders on the picnic party at Peddapuram.

* 184-F *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any prohibitory orders were served upon the gentlemen who attended the picnic party at Peddapur on 21st December 1930 and the doctors who went to render medical aid to the injured; and

(*b*) if so, under what section of the law and by whom the orders were issued, when and upon whom they were served and whether a copy of the order or orders will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) No. No doctors went to Peddapuram to render any medical aid.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Enquiry into the Peddapur lathi charge.

* 184-G *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have inquired into the legality and necessity of the Peddapur incident of the 21st December 1930 and what action they have taken or propose to take against the excesses committed by the Police authorities in the said incident; and

(*b*) whether details of the enquiry and the action taken will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have perused the reports of the officers concerned and a summary has been given in the reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 230. The Government see no reason to question the legality or the necessity of the action taken. They are satisfied that the Police were not guilty of any excesses and no further action is proposed to be taken in respect of the incident.

Alleged lathi charge on a picnic party at Peddapuram.

* 184-H *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the lathi charge by the police on people who were taking tea at a picnic party held in a garden at Peddapuram;